(c) and (d) Coal supplies to power sector is accorded the highest priority. Supply of coal to power sector including DVB is monitored regularly by an Inter-Ministerial Group. Appropriate necessary action is taken to step up coal supplies wherever required in order to sustain power generation.

Supply of Coal to Industries and Power Houses

3825. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allotment of coal made to various power houses and various industries in Gujarat during the year 1994, 1995 and 1996 (upto December) and actual supply made to each power house and industry;

(b) whether the allotment of coal to each industry during these years was sufficient as against the demand; and

(c) if not, the industry-wise backlog which remained to be fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The requirement of coal are assessed Industry/ Sector-wise. However power house-wise requirement are assessed by Central Electricity Authority based on the generation target fixed for each individual power houses and accordingly linkages are provided by the Standing Linkage Committee. Details regarding coal linkages and supplies made to power houses and coal supplies made to various industrial sectors in the State of Gujarat during the year 1993-94 to 1995-96 are given below:-

(In '000 tonnes
(Date provisional)

Year	Power		Cement	Ferti-liser	Paper	Tex/ Rayon	Others
	Linkage	Despatches					
1993-94	14235	12845	842	308	70	374	1546
1994-95	15435	12856	554	187	84	318	1086
1995-96	15120	13684	518	201	75	207	1161

(b) and (c) As a result of high priority given for supply of coal to the power sector and as a result of a sharp increase in the demand from this sector, supplies of coal to the industrial consumers has been affected. Coal companies are however endeavouring to meet the requirements of coal of all consumers in the country including that of consumers in Gujarat by increasing production of coal. In addition coal from a number of collieries is being offered under the Liberalised Sales Scheme under which scheme coal is supplied without the requirement of linkages/sponsorship. Option of import of coal is also now available.

Abandoned pits of Coal Mines under Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.

3826. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the abandoned pits of different coal mines under Mahanadi coalfields Ltd.;

(b) the reasons why those abandoned coal mines/pits have not been filled up/fenced so far and left in dangerous conditions; and

(c) the steps taken for filling and fencing of those abandoned pits of coal mines under Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The following pits and inclines or Orient area in IB Vally coalfield located within the command area of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. were abandoned before nationalisation due to depletion of reserves:-

1. 9th Pit of Rampur UG Colliery.
2. 10th Pit of Rampur UG Colliery.
3. 1st Incline of Orient Colliery.
4. 2nd Incline of Orient Colliery.
5. 3rd Incline of Orient Colliery.

(b) All the above abandoned Pits and Inclines have been properly fenced/sealed and therefore, no danger exists on this account.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to part (b) of the question.